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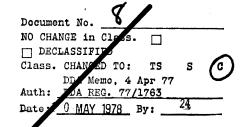
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- 1. The illegal Internal Committee of the Czech Social Democratic Party consider Slazej vilir unsuitable as president of their party in London because they object to his Marxist Socialist views and to his permitting crypto-Communists to remain in the Party and think he has shown poor judgment of people.
- 2. Militant underground Social Democrats in Czechoslovakia now favor Dr. Frantisek Menec, former Minister to Canada, as leader of the Party in exile.
- 3. Vojta Benes, brother of the late President, recently refused an invitaion by Vilim to leave Czechoslovakia and come to London, stating that those still in the country strongly disapprove of the activities of the politicians in exile.
- A. The Central Committee of the Social Democrats in Prague decided recently not to cooperate with other illegal political organizations such as the Czech Socialist Party and the People's Party because they think the Communists have seriously penetrated these groups.



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